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SUBJECT: WEST BANK COVERAGE OF CARTER'S SPEECH AT NOTRE DAME

1. SUMMARY: THE EAST JERUSALEM PRESS HAS REPORTED PROMINENTLY PRESIDENT CARTER'S FOREIGN POLICY SPEECH AT NOTRE DAME. INITIALLY, IT WAS INTERPRETED MERELY AS A RECOMMITMENT BY THE U.S. TO THE PEACE PROCESS AND A VEILED WARNING TO LIKUD'S BEGIN TO BE FORTHCOMING. SUBSEQUENTLY, AL QUDS HAS CONCLUDED THAT CARTER INTENDS A BASIC RE-ORIENTATION AND WARMLY WELCOMES IT.  
END SUMMARY.

2. AL QUDS (MODERATE AND PRO-JORDANIAN) MAY 23 BANNED CARTER'S NOTRE DAME SPEECH: "CARTER WARNS BEGIN INDIRECTLY -- THE ALTERNATE TO A SETTLEMENT (IS) A GLOBAL DISASTER." THE STORY, FROM WIRE SERVICES, HIGHLIGHTS THE FOLLOWING POINTS: 1) U.S. FOREIGN POLICY WILL NOT CHANGE BECAUSE OF THE CHANGE IN LEADERSHIP IN ANY ME STATE, 2) THE U.S. EXPECTS ALL PARTIES TO CONTINUE TO ACCEPT RESOLUTIONS 242 AND 338 WHICH STIPULATE ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM ALL (JAMI'A) ARAB OCCUPIED TERRITORIES IN RETURN FOR PEACE AND 3) THAT THE ALTERNATIVE IS A GLOBAL DISASTER.

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3. AL FAJR (LEFTIST AND PRO-PLO) TREATED THE STORY SIMILARLY, BUT LESS PROMINENTLY, AND NOTED BEGIN'S STATEMENTS ON NETWORK TV REJECTING ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM THE WEST BANK. AL FAJR HAS NOT EDITORIALIZED, BUT HAS REPORTED POSITIVE RESPONSES TO CARTER'S SPEECH FROM EGYPT.

4. AL QUDS LEAD EDITORIAL MAY 24 INTERPRETED CARTER'S SPEECH AS A RADICAL DEPARTURE IN U.S. FOREIGN POLICY: FROM ONE MOTIVATED BY AN EXAGGERATED FEAR OF COMMUNISM AND AIMED AT ITS CONTAINMENT THROUGH COOPERATION WITH SOMETIMES TYRANNICAL REGIMES TO ONE BASED ON RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES. AS FOR ITS IMPLICATION FOR THE PALESTINIANS' PROBLEM, AL QUDS ARGUES THAT CARTER'S SPEECH "PULLS THE RUG OUT" FROM UNDER THE LIKUD'S BEGIN'S STAND THAT ISRAEL'S PRESENCE IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES SERVES AS A BARRIER TO COMMUNISM. AL QUDS CONCLUDES: "WE WELCOME THE NEW U.S. POLICY AND WE AWAIT ITS TRANSLATION INTO DEEDS."

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